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SUBJ: PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S REFERENCE TO "HOMELAND" FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

1. PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AGREED AT MEETING APRIL 15
TO SEND LETTERS TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN
MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL (US, UK, FRANCE, CANADA, AND
FRG) AND ISRAEL TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF VARIOUS RECENT
OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION. LETTER TO
AMB. YOUNG, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN NEXT
TWO/THREE DAYS, WILL REQUEST IN ESSENCE CLARIFICATION AS
TO WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS IN CLINTON, MASS.
ON MARCH 16 CONCERNING "A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIAN
REFUGEES" REPRESENT OFFICIAL US POLICY. LETTERS ARE ALSO
BEING PREPARED TO PERM REPS OF OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS
TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY TOP
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OFFICIALS. PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED SENDING A SPECIAL MISSION TO WESTERN CAPITALS CONCERNED TO SEEK VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS. AGREEMENT UPON MEMBERS TO COMPOSE SUCH A MISSION PROVED DIFFICULT; LETTERS WERE DECIDED UPON INSTEAD.

2. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE

EGYPTIAN MISSION. JAPANESE MISSION OFFICER WHO ALSO ATTENDED MEETING VERIFIED THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF ABOVE. WE WILL FORWARD LETTER IMMEDIATELY AS AVAILABLE.

3. RECOMMENDATION: WHILE WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND INDEED ITS EXISTENCE HAVING VOTED AGAINST 30TH AND 31ST GA RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING AND EXTENDING THIS COMMITTEE, WE BELIEVE A STRAIGHTFORWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT WITH SUCH SUBSTANCE IF ANY AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INCLUDE WOULD BE IN ORDER. YOUNG

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